IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/696,080 Confirmation No. 5934

Applicant : Gerard Matern et al.

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Title : SWITCHING APPARATUS

TC/Art Unit : 3682

Examiner : Justin Mitchell Krause

Attorney Docket No.: LGPL-110510

Customer No. : 05251

VIA EFS – December 19, 2007

Mailstop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

It is hereby requested that the time period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 22, 2007, be extended for one month or until December 22, 2007. Enclosed is the Petition fee of \$120. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

This is in response to the final action of August 22, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.